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## **DECLARATION**

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the invention entitled "GRAFT POLYMERIC MEMBRANES AND ION-EXCHANGE MEMBRANES FORMED THEREFROM," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of Patent Application No. 09/934,176, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 21, 2001 and for which a patent is sought. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/503,760, filed on February 14, 2000.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by amendments (1) dated May 22, 2002, and (2) filed herewith.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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